

Application No.: 09/670,536**Docket No.: 4468-007****REMARKS**

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claim 3 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 2-20 are pending in the instant application. Claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 3 has been amended to better define the claimed invention. Claims 2, 4-6 and 10 have been amended to depend from claim 3. Independent claims 7-9 and 14 have been amended to include limitations similar to the last limitation of amended claim 3. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

Amended claim 3 is believed patentable over the applied references, because the references do not appear to fairly disclose, teach or suggest the last limitation of claim 3 that "said color adjustment amount correcting means corrects said color adjustment amount on the basis of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of the fixed elemental color elements of *each* pixel." Independent claims 7-9 and 14 which include similar limitations are also believed patentable over the art.

Accordingly, all claims in the present application are now believed in condition for allowance and early indication of same is courteously solicited.


The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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